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BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT BETWEEN A SLIPPER  
AND A PISTON, AND A BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT  
OF THIS TYPE

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Sir:

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1. European Patent Application No. 0 371 834 A1, dated June 6, 1990;
2. German Patent Application No. 197 34 217 A1, dated February 12, 1998;
3. International Patent Application No. WO 98/42949, dated October 1, 1998; and
4. German Patent Application No. 198 02 475 A1, dated July 29, 1999.

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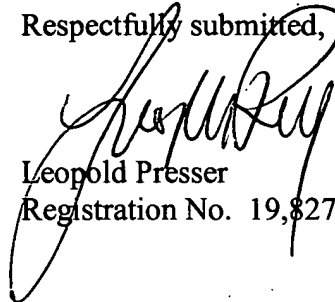
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Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references.

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